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Obama dodges jobs data time bomb

Hilliard, Ohio (AFP) - President Barack Obama dodged a potential last-minute blow to his re-election hopes Friday, with the release of data showing the US economy created more jobs than expected last month.

Republican Mitt Romney, however, seized on an uptick in the jobless rate by a tenth of point to 7.9 percent to bemoan an economy at a "virtual standstill" and said Americans would choose on Tuesday between prosperity and stagnation.

Obama, perhaps mindful of millions of Americans suffering from the lingering impact of the worst recession since the 1930s, avoided a triumphal tone on data which sent relief rippling through his campaign team.

"We have made real progress," Obama said, in his first rally of the day, in Hilliard, a small town in crucial electoral territory around the city of Columbus, in Ohio, which could be a tipping point state in a tied-up election.

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Wubbo Ockels' "Ecolution" ready for voyage to Aruba



Dutch sustainability guru Wubbo Ockels and his zero emission sail boat is ready to leave the harbor at Scheveningen in the Netherlands for its grand voyage on the ocean to Aruba. They should have set sail on November 2nd, but due to bad weather they changed the date for departure to Sunday, November 4th. During the past weeks Ockels' team worked hard preparing the boat for its voyage. Before setting sail to Aruba they will take Ecolution to the North-sea to run some tests and to make certain that the crew is sufficiently prepared to work together.

For Ecolution, as the sail boat is named, this will be its very first transatlantic trip passing via the Canary Islands and Antigua to reach the wharf in Oranjestad by mid December. TU Delft Aruban student, Javier Sint Jago, who became the engineer who drove the solar automobile Nuna in the Australian Solar World Race and won second place, will

also be one of the crew on the Ecolution.

After docking here on Aruba, Ecolution will remain in Aruba's wharf in Oranjestad for three months. During the three months Ockels will develop various sustainable products to contribute to Aruba's sustainability vision. Aruba's ambition is to become 100% green no later than by 2020. And, in order to reach the 100% mark, the government of Aruba has signed agreements of cooperation with, among others, the

Carbon War Room of Sir Richard Branson, The New America Foundation, Harvard and TNO Holland.

Before leaving home, Ecolution will receive an official farewell. Residents of Scheveningen will head to the wharf to wave good bye to Ecolution as she sets out to sea on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic Ocean to Aruba. Yacht owners will accompany Ecolution from the wharf in Scheveningen up to the brink of the ocean in a farewell bid.



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Divi Resorts welcome special guest Laura Huez



Wisher Laura Huez and mom Josiane Pierre

Today, staffers of the Divi and Tamarijn resorts will shed more than a few tears as they bid farewell to a very special guest, who has proved a delight over the past week. Laura Huez of Belgium is a lovely fourteen-year-old who spent the week on Aruba with her mother, Josiane Pierre, as a part of the famous Make a Wish Program, for young people with terminal illnesses.

Aruba is part of the pro-

gram with the Belgian children due to the efforts of Peter Balliere, owner of Taste of Belgium, Le Bistro and Cilo restaurants on Aruba. Dividing his time between Aruba and his homeland, he has initiated a number of programs for youth, including the Clown Doctors Foundation of Aruba. Twice a year, Peter finances the transportation of a Make a Wish child to the island out of his own pocket, as many terminally ill



Laura and Mom with Marin Bijl, Alex Nieuwmeyer and Lydia de Genst

children dream of swimming with dolphins as a last wish.

Partnering with Peter in the program is General Manager of Divi Properties on Aruba, Alex Nieuwmeyer and Divi Resort Manager Marin Bijl. They donate the accommodations at the Divi Resort, which is all inclusive, so all meals and entertainment are taken care of as well.

Accompanying Laura and Josiane from Belgium was

Make a Wish volunteer, Lydia de Genst. Together with Peter, she escorted Laura and Josiane to Aruba's sister island and the Curacao Dolphin Academy on Tuesday, October 30th, so Laura's wish of frolicking with dolphins could be fulfilled.

Laura reports she has had an absolutely wonderful time on Aruba, as had all the children and parents. Make a Wish has sponsored twice a year, for the past three years.

It was a dream come true for the young lady, and her mother. In gratitude for their enthusiastic participation, Peter presented Alex and Marin with a box of fresh Belgian chocolates, which they accepted, but deemed "absolutely unnecessary. We are proud and pleased to be a part of this program. Seeing we can give these children and their parents a wonderful and memorable time is reward enough."

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Caribbean Palm Village Resort honors Angela and Marie Trovati for their loyalty to the island



The Caribbean Palm Village Resort hosted a "spirited" Manager's Cocktail Party this week, as the resort celebrated Halloween by inviting guests



and employees to dress up and participate in fun games.

In celebration of the resort's 25th anniversary, every week during the Manager's Cocktail Party, the resort recognizes owners who have purchased timeshare units before construction even began.

This week, Angela and Marie Trovato, from Syracuse, New York, were honored by Interim General Manager Astrid Muller for their trusting purchase. The sisters first came to the island in 1977. On the island, Angela met and fell in love with local Jaime Luydens. Jaime's sister, a timeshare representative at Playa Linda, introduced Marie and Angela to a timeshare representative of the Caribbean Palm Village resort. When they visited the

property, there was nothing to see but a model. But the unit was large and the price was right, so they decided to buy timeshare at the resort, sight unseen. Angela and Jaime have now been married 32 years, coming back to Aruba ever since to enjoy their timeshare unit at the Caribbean Palm Village Resort. During the ceremony, Angela and Marie talked about how much they love the people of Aruba, describing them as pleasant and accommodating.



Photos show everyone having a good time during the weekly Manager's Cocktail Party at the Caribbean Palm Village Resort.

New York marathon canceled after storm backlash

NEW YORK (AFP) - New York City is canceling its annual marathon, scheduled for Sunday, after a backlash against plans to hold the race in the wake of hurricane Sandy, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said on Friday.

Bloomberg had earlier sought to allow the race to go ahead, but a chorus of opposition grew in the days after Sandy hit the area, with local politicians, media and even runners calling for the event to be canceled or postponed.

And in a statement late Friday afternoon, he acknowledged that the race had "become a source of controversy and division," and said it would not proceed.

"The marathon has been an integral part of New York City's life for 40 years and is an event tens of thousands of New Yorkers participate in and millions more watch," he said.

"The marathon has always brought our city together and inspired us with stories of courage and determination.

We would not want a cloud to hang over the race or its participants, and so we have decided to cancel it."

It was not immediately clear if the organizers of the race, which draws around 45,000 runners, would seek to reschedule it. Some had called for a new spring 2013 date.

Earlier on Friday, Bloomberg had sounded a confident tone about the race, insisting it would not deflect attention away from those still struggling in the aftermath of Sandy, which smashed into the city on Monday.

And he stuck to that line in his statement announcing the cancellation, saying holding the race "would not require diverting resources."

But, he added, "we cannot allow a controversy over an athletic event... to distract attention away from all the critically important work that is being done to recover from the storm and get our city back on track."



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The four candidates, Mishelle, Ghislaine, Larisa, Paola y Ghislaine already did their personal interviews with the judges in their business attire by Dress Code. Now they need to be judged in the the Final event, which will be the bathing suit event (bathing suits by Azaria), the interview on stage, evening Gown presentation and the

final question.

All these points will be added up to present Aruba with their beauty queen.

Since Thursday the Divi Village is hosting the candidates, and they are being treated as queens.

Training for the Final night is intense and Aruba is promised a grand show on Sunday, November 4th.

The pageant will be aired live via 24ora.com and channel I-49 on cable.

Unfortunately all tickets for this grand event are sold out!

After the pageant the party continues in Fusion.

Good luck to all candidates and also the judges who will have a difficult task choosing Aruba's Queen for the year 2012 - 2013.

Yrausquin & Sons donates to the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Support Group



Every year, Yrausquin & Sons car dealership, the exclusive agent for Ford on Aruba, participates in the Ford Community Service program, conducting an important fund and awareness raising event for a worthy cause. This year, they joined the legions of Warriors in Pink, to combat breast cancer, and make women more aware of what they must do for early detection of this eminently treatable disease.

On Saturday, October 20, hundreds joined Yrausquin & Sons staff and management and the volunteers of the Aruba foundation, Mary Joan Breast Cancer Support Group, for a "caminata" or fun walk, under the Warriors

in Pink banner.

All entrance fees from the walk were combined with an additional donation of 100 Aruban florins for every car sold by Yrausquin & Sons during the month of October, and monies from Ford Motor Company. On Thursday, November 1, the dealership's Brand Manager, Orol Henriquez, was proud to hand over a check for 3,500 Aruban florins, (\$2,000) to representatives of the Mary Joan Foundation.

Mary Joan Foundation is very active in education and events for the community, particularly in the month of October, in reminding them the necessity of self examination and regular mammograms, as well as recognizing

the signs of breast cancer. It was founded in the name of Mary Joan Geerman, who initiated the policy of convincing Aruba women they must not hide or deny the possibility of having breast cancer, but open dialogs and seek support from others in their community. They provide counseling and information for both the victims of the disease and their families. Mary Joan Foundation volunteers expressed their heartfelt thanks to Yrausquin & Sons for their support of their October 2012 campaign, and encourage all breast cancer survivors to tell their stories and join the ranks of Warriors in Pink.

By Rosalie Klein

Threat to close Holy Sepulchre over water dispute

JERUSALEM (AFP) - A dispute with an Israeli water company over unpaid bills has led to a Greek Orthodox threat to close Christianity's holiest site, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Maariv newspaper reported on Friday that the Hagihon water company said it is was owed 9 million shekels (\$2.1 million) in unpaid bills dating back decades.

In protest, the Greek Orthodox patriarchate, a joint custodian of the church, has threatened to close the Holy Sepulchre, said to be the site of Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection.

Any such measure, however, would need the agreement of the Catholic and Armenian churches, which are co-custodians.

The Greek Orthodox Church contends that the Holy Sepulchre was always treated as a special case and exempted from water fees, unlike other churches in the Holy Land.

Its bank accounts have been blocked because of the dispute, according to Maariv, leaving the church unable to pay its priests or expenses, including electricity and telephone bills.

"Greek Orthodox Patriarch Theophilos III has spoken (to church officials) about taking measures... in protest at Israeli actions against the church," said Dimitri Diliiani, president of the National Christian Coalition in the Holy Land.

"He is consulting with the heads of churches to take the drastic measure of shutting down the Church of the Holy Sepulchre," Diliiani, a Greek Orthodox Palestinian, told AFP.

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Denzel Washington pilots 'Flight' through storm



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - After a detour into animation, "Forrest Gump" director Robert Zemeckis returns to live-action film with "Flight," which starts with a plane crash but centers more on

personal rather than airborne crises.

Denzel Washington stars as a pilot who becomes a national hero for managing to crash-land a malfunctioning jet but faces another harrowing descent when alcohol and cocaine are discovered in his system.

The movie, being released in North America this weekend, took more than 10 years to come together from a screenplay by John Gatins, whose previous credits include "Real Steel" (2011) and 2008's "Dreamer."

It took all of the A-list actor and director's Hollywood heft -- and cuts in pay -- to bring it to the screen.

Washington plays Whip, a commercial airline pilot whose skills and sang-froid help him save almost all of his plane's passengers and crew after it goes into a steep dive due to a technical problem.

But the media and popular adulation his achievement triggers come down to earth with a thud when lab results reveal his addictions, while

he falls in love with a young drug addict who is also battling to get clean.

"Their substance abuse is the symptom of deeper problems," Zemeckis told reporters. "They were that way because they have deeper issues. They were using the chemicals, but it could have been anything: food, gambling, work."

"They just feel this sort of void," he added as he presented the film in Beverly Hills.

Washington agreed, saying that in preparing for the

role he didn't focus on his character's alcoholism.

"I didn't really want to get too much into the AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) side of it, or try to be an alcoholic because he didn't think he was alcoholic," the actor said.

From its opening scene combining full-frontal nudity and lines of cocaine, it is clear that "Flight" differs from most big Hollywood studio movies, aimed squarely at selling tickets with superheroes or romantic comedies.

Anger mounts in US storm zone over fuel shortages



NEW YORK (AFP) - New York commuters fought for car fuel at gas station forecourts Friday.

The storm, one of the most severe in US history, has left at least 95 dead in 15 states and in Canada. The toll in New York City alone rose to 41 and at least 14 died in New Jersey, where searches of isolated areas continue.

New York and surrounding states are all battling to get moving again four days after the disaster and authorities say they are putting huge resources into restoring power, public transport and in getting food to the needy.

But fights erupted in huge queues at the few gas stations still operating, with some cities rationing fuel even for emergency services.

Police were called to several outlets in the New York

region to keep order. One man in Queens who tried to drive his BMW vehicle ahead of others in line was charged with pulling a gun on another driver.

Drivers say they are waiting up to 10 hours to fill up.

National Guard troops handed out 290,000 meals and 500,000 bottles of water in the first day of an emergency aid operation in New York, mayor Michael Bloomberg said. Hundreds also queued for free ice to preserve food given out in the city's Union Square.

Hurricane Sandy brought devastation throughout the Caribbean, hitting Haiti and Cuba especially hard before slamming into the United States and Canada on Monday. The overall death toll from the storm's passage is now at least 166.

US denies dictating next Syrian leadership

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States on Friday denied claims that it is trying to control the make-up of Syria's next leadership, insisting it was simply seeking to ensure that more voices were heard.

"This is not a matter of the US dictating," said State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland, after complaints from the opposi-

tion Syrian National Council (SNC) that Washington was trying to undermine it.

Nuland said the United States had backed the SNC for more than a year but now felt it needed to broaden its political base to "connect the various political groups inside Syria" fighting Bashar al-Assad's regime.

Washington, she said, wants to see a broader spectrum of communities in the opposition leadership including "not only the Sunni population but the Alawis, the Druze, the Christians, the Kurds, any other minority groups, women."

Earlier Friday, two days ahead of key talks among Syrian opposition groups in Qatar, the exile-led had SNC lashed out at accusations from Washington that it was not fully representative of the country's diverse dissident forces.

"Any discussions aimed at passing over the Syrian National Council or at creating new bodies to replace it are an attempt to undermine the Syrian revolution by sowing the seeds of division," it said.

Uganda threatens to pull out of peacekeeping missions

KAMPALA (AFP) - Uganda on Friday threatened to pull its troops out of United Nations peacekeeping missions in response to UN allegations that it is backing a rebellion in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

"We are saying that if these allegations, which are malicious and unfounded, are not withdrawn then we are considering withdrawing not only from Somalia but from all peacekeeping missions we are involved in," Asuman Kiyingi, Uganda's state minister for regional cooperation, told AFP.

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Electricity returns to chunk of Manhattan

NEW YORK (AFP) - Electric power returned to 65,000 customers in Manhattan on Friday in a big boost for New Yorkers living in the dark since superstorm Sandy damaged networks, ConEdison power company said.

The utility company said the restored power was in the hard-hit Lower East Side and

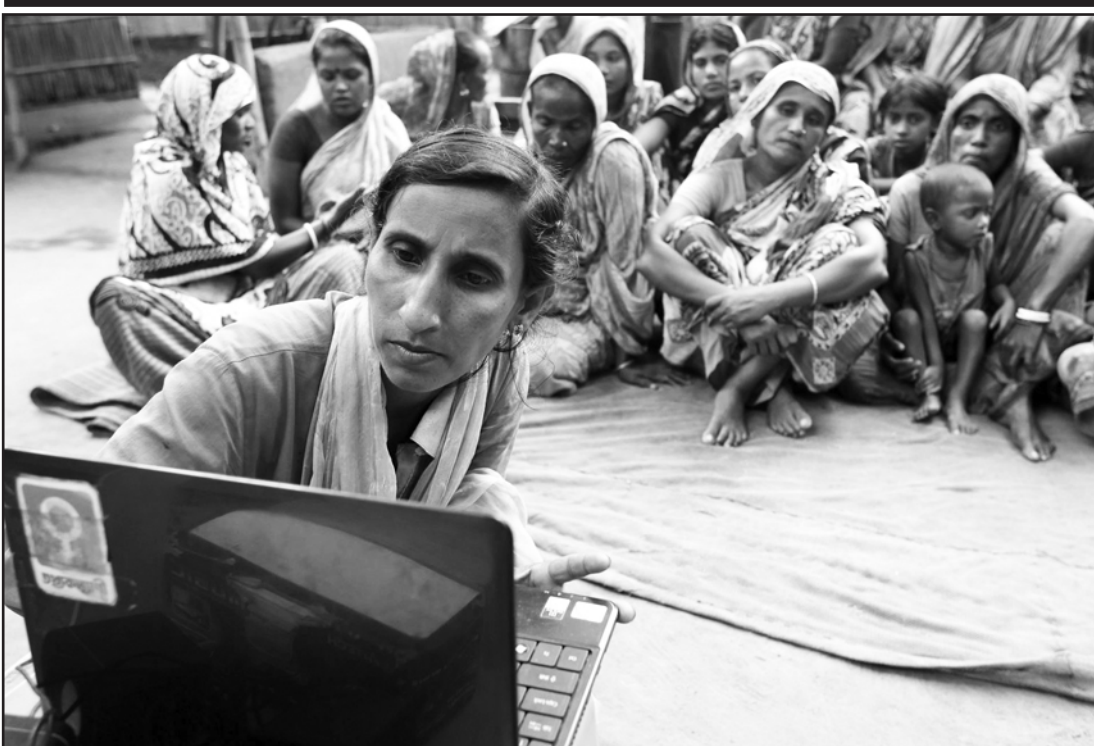
East Village areas of Manhattan.

This accounted for more than a quarter of homes in Manhattan still left without power in the wake of Sandy. Officials say that all of Manhattan should get back electricity by the end of Saturday.

However, widespread outages will continue in other

parts of the city, as well as in neighboring New Jersey, officials said.

Canadian utilities said Friday they have dispatched about 435 workers to help restore power to millions of US homes and businesses left without electricity after superstorm Sandy.



Biking 'Info Ladies' bring Internet to Bangladesh villages

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Obama dodges jobs data time bomb; Romney: US is four days from a 'fresh start'

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"Companies hired more workers in October than at any time in the last eight months," Obama said.

Romney quickly highlighted the fact that though the economy is creating jobs at a moderate pace, unemployment remains at historically high levels.

To chants of "four more days," Republican Mitt Romney on Friday vowed a new beginning for America, urging voters to compare his record to President Barack Obama's.

"We are four days away from a fresh start," Romney told a raucous crowd in Wisconsin, one of several states the Republican nominee is hoping to pry away from the Obama column in an election going down to the wire on November 6.

"My conviction that better days are ahead is not based on promises and hollow rhetoric but solid plans and proven results," he said.

The release of the final major economic data before



the election had jangled nerves of Obama aides who feared that a leap in the rate above the psychological eight percent mark could have sent late-deciding voters to Romney.

But although the data was far from spectacular -- with 171,000 jobs created last month -- there was enough in the report, including upward revisions of previous monthly figures, for Obama to argue the economy was improving.

The consensus of economic analysts had been for



job creation of around 125,000 in October.

Many analysts doubted that barring a disastrous slump in the data, there would be much impact on the election, but the upped pace of job creation does perhaps explain Obama's stable position in some midwestern swing states.

And the figures by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics were an apt metaphor for the entire campaign, revealing an economic recovery neither bad enough to doom Obama nor sufficiently robust to get

him re-elected at a canter.

The president, who has turned down the raw partisanship of his rhetoric to match the national mood after superstorm Sandy tore ashore, claiming 95 US lives, nevertheless sought to dismantle Romney's closing argument.

He repudiated the Republican's claim to be an agent of change, accusing him instead of trying to "massage the facts," highlighting a Romney ad that claims that Chrysler plans to outsource jobs to China to produce its Jeep vehicles.

"It is not true. Everybody knows that it is not true," Obama said, noting that auto firm bosses had directly contradicted Romney on the attack.

"I know we are close to an election, but this isn't a game. These are people's jobs. These are people's lives."

The president repeatedly

touts his decision to bail out indebted US auto makers in a politically unpopular move in 2009, which has helped restore the industry to health.

Most recent polls show Obama up in Ohio, by between two and five points, and Romney cannot afford to give up on a state which every modern Republican president has won on the way to winning the White House.

With just four days of campaigning left, neither campaign, despite their bravado, can be completely confident about the result.

The RealClearPolitics average of national polls Friday showed a tie, though Obama appears better positioned than Romney in many of the less than a dozen swing states that will decide the election.

But the president's leads were within the margin of error, lending some credence to the Romney camp's belief that many of Obama's 2008 voters will not show up and that the intensity of Republican voters will be decisive.

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THE HAGUE (AFP) - Three top Dutch medical schools are asking thousands of travellers to tropical countries to donate stool samples on return for a study into the rise in antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections.

The combined study, launched this week by the Academic (AMC), Erasmus and Maastricht medical centres will focus on 2,000 travellers mainly to Asia and Africa, said AMC researcher Jarne van Hattem.

"These travellers will be asked, upon vaccination by a number of travel clinics, if they would like to participate and

send stools to us for a year after their return from the tropics," Van Hattem told AFP.

He said there has been a rise in antibiotic resistant intestinal bacterial infections in the Netherlands and researchers wanted to see whether these bacteria hitch a ride with travellers who pick them up in exotic destinations.

The team further want to study whether these bacteria are transmitted to non-travelling relatives upon return home to the Netherlands, known for its strict control of the use of antibiotics for fear of building up resistance.

All volunteers will receive a home DIY-kit with swabs and a special plastic "safe bag" in which a swab sample will be sealed and placed in an envelope with a return address to Erasmus Medical Centre in Rotterdam.

Participants are asked to send three to six samples over the course of a year, with researchers hoping to publish their findings about 30 months afterwards.

Van Hattem said he believed it was the largest study of its kind to date, with smaller projects previously being undertaken in Sweden and Australia.

EU has no plans to ban Chanel 5 on allergy findings

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Commission said Friday it had no intention for the moment to ban or impose limits on perfumes or cosmetics found to cause an allergic reaction, a spokesman said Friday.

A scientific review has identified about 100 ingredients which could cause allergies and recommended that some be limited while others, such as tree mosses used in the famous Chanel 5 perfume, be banned outright.

Responding to press reports, EU commission spokesman for health and consumer policy Frederic Vincent insisted it was "false to say that the European Commission wants to ban Chanel 5."

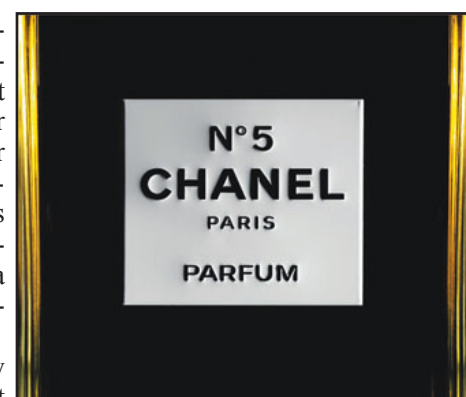
The scientific findings were just that and did not represent the official position, Vincent said.

The question is whether to add those ingredients identified

by the scientific committee to the 26 which current legislation requires to be listed on the products they are used in.

"We are still a long way from considering changes to the legislation," he said, adding that the EU had begun consultations with the industry and consumer groups in August on the findings and their potential impact.

"Perfume and cosmetic makers know what we are doing ... The legislative process has not begun and it will not be for tomorrow," he said, adding that it was only a very small number of people who had such allergic reactions.




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Sci-Tech

Apple launches new iPad mini to mixed reactions



-- (AFP) - Shoppers got their hands on Apple's new iPad mini Friday, launched with less fanfare than previous incarnations amid talk it might have come too late to the 7-inch tablet computer market.

The event stirred little of the excitement associated with previous Apple products however, generating only small lines of devotees at flagship stores around the world.

Earlier in the day, around 300 people had queued up outside Apple's main store in Tokyo, some wearing fancy dress, to buy, or at least touch the new product.

Around 20 people had

camped out overnight outside the shop, but the queue disappeared quickly following an initial rush.

In tech-mad Singapore numbers were well down on previous launches, while in Hong Kong around 30 people queued to collect their pre-ordered devices.

There was nothing like the days-long queues for the new generation iPhone 5 in Sydney.

Market analyst Loo Wee Tech, head of Consumers Electronics Research said the new tablets "failed to excite" a sector that has grown accustomed to ever more amazing gadgets over the years.

He forecast that despite structural liabilities that included "the lack of readily available and reliable Internet access and wifi hotspots," Apple would move a lot of its product.

Canada's RBC Bank has estimated that Apple could sell six million iPad Minis by the end of the year.

In Seoul there was a 200-strong queue, some of whom had camped out overnight, with one man telling AFP that Apple was a better buy for his 4-year-old daughter.

Mark Ranson, associate analyst at the global technology research firm Ovum, said the iPad mini marked something of a departure because it was an instance of Apple following the crowd, rather than setting the pace.

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HAVANA (AFP) - Cuba accused the United States Friday of supplying opponents of the government with the technological means to access the Internet as part of an effort to "subvert the constitutional order."

The accusation, leveled in a foreign ministry statement, comes amid a simmering dispute over the jailing of American contractor Alan Gross three years ago for distributing laptops and electronic gear to members of the island's Jewish community.

It also follows the growing international prominence of Cuban blogger Yoani Sanchez, whose prize-winning Generation Y blog has often questioned Cuba's communist regime.

The foreign ministry said US diplomats were "promoting, advising, instructing, training, financing and supply-

ing (government opponents) with diverse media and technology."

The United States and Cuba broke off diplomatic relations in 1961, but have maintained interest sections in each other's capitals for the past three decades to provide consular services and deal with bilateral issues.

The US Interests Section

and some European embassies offer dissidents free access to the Internet to compensate for the sparse access existing on the island.

Cuba "will use all legal mechanisms within its reach to defend its sovereignty and to ensure respect for the Cuban people and the laws of the country," the foreign ministry said.

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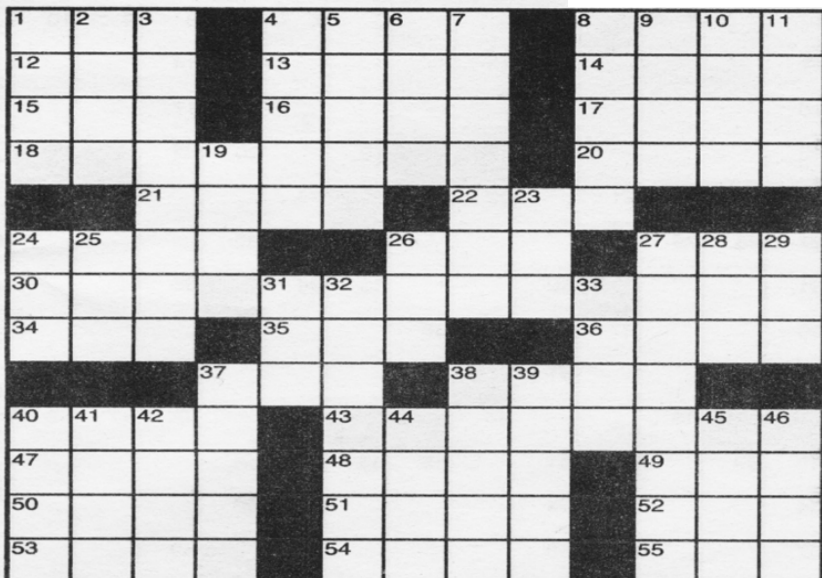
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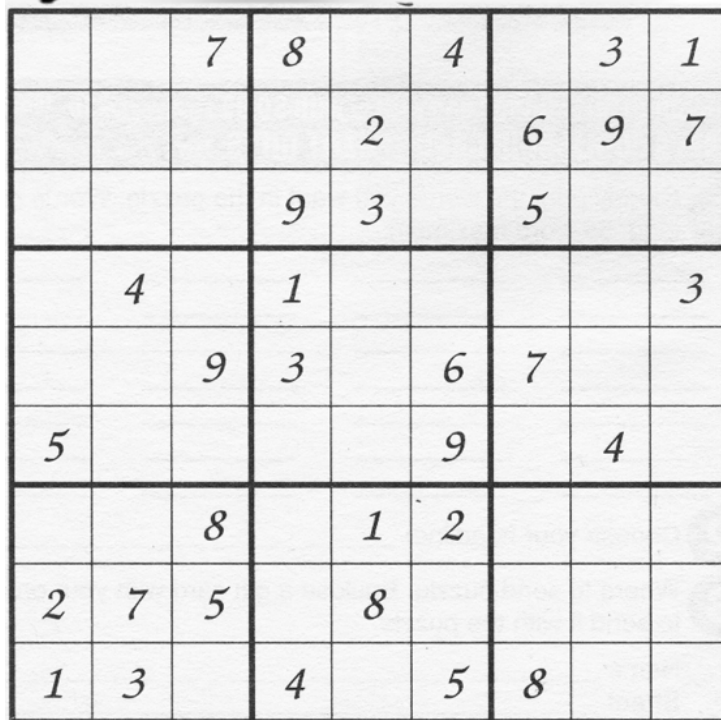
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Cuba offshore oil search fails for a third time

HAVANA (AFP) - A third attempt to find oil in the Gulf of Mexico off Cuba has failed, the state oil company said Friday, announcing yet another setback to efforts to tap huge petroleum reserves.

The latest company to come up empty-handed, Venezuelan oil giant PDVSA, will keep working with Cuba to explore for oil, Cubapetroleo said in a statement published in the official newspaper Granma.

"Although this well doesn't offer possibilities for commercial exploitation, the results of the scan will help guide and expand operations in blocs of Cuba's exclusive economic zone in the Gulf of Mexico," Cubapetroleo said.

PDVSA was called in after the announcement in June that Spanish energy company Repsol, which used the Scarabeo 9 offshore platform to drill for oil in a block assigned to it off Havana, was abandoning its efforts after failing to find oil.

In August, a Russian-Malaysian consortium also failed to find oil and the Scarabeo platform was passed to Venezuela's PDVSA.

Cubapetroleo said Friday the platform will now be shut down, but insisted technical expertise and valuable geological information were obtained.

These, it said, "have contributed to affirming the decision of PDVSA to continue its participation in the exploration campaign in Cuban waters."

Economist Oscar Espinosa Chepe said the failure to find oil is a huge setback for Havana, which has struggled to surmount the economic crisis of the past two decades, and had hoped to achieve energy self-sufficiency.

Some studies estimate the 112,000-square-kilometer (43,243-square-mile) area has probable reserves of between five and nine billion barrels of crude oil, although Cuban authorities say there could be as many as 20 billion barrels.

Oil prices dive on Sandy-closed US refineries

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices sank Friday after an encouraging US jobs report was overshadowed by post-Sandy shutdowns at US East Coast refineries.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in December, tumbled \$2.23 from Thursday's close to settle at \$84.86 a barrel.

In London trade, Brent North Sea crude for December shed \$2.49 to \$105.68 a barrel.

In early New York trade, the highly anticipated October jobs report supported the West Texas Intermediate contract, said Andy Lipow at Lipow Oil Associates.

The Labor Department reported 171,000 jobs were added last month, far above analyst estimates, while the unemployment rate edged up a notch to 7.9 percent, suggesting the world's largest economy was continuing to muddle along at a modest growth pace.

The dollar strengthened on the news, making dollar-priced crude oil more expensive for holders of rival currencies, which can dent demand.

Worries about the massive devastation wreaked by superstorm Sandy, which ravaged the East Coast on Monday and Tuesday,

weighed on market sentiment, said BMO Capital Markets analysts.

"Refinery output along the EC (east coast) is still severely curtailed. Crude oil is down today on expectations of lower demand due to reduced refinery inputs," they said in a client note.

As of Friday morning, two New Jersey refineries and 14 port terminals from Virginia to Connecticut remained shut.

The US Department of Homeland Security issued an

immediate blanket waiver of restrictions on foreign-flagged ship access to US ports to help increase fuel deliveries to northeast terminals.

"The administration's highest priority is ensuring the health and safety of those impacted by Hurricane Sandy, and this waiver will remove a potential obstacle to bringing additional fuel to the storm-damaged region," said Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano in a statement.

Merkel to address EU parliament, meet Cameron

BERLIN (AFP) - German Chancellor Angela Merkel will lay out her vision for the crisis-wracked EU before the European Parliament next week ahead of talks with British Prime Minister David Cameron, her spokesman said Friday.

Steffen Seibert told a regular government briefing that the leader of Europe's top economy would travel to Brussels on Wednesday to address deputies on "her thoughts on the further development of the Economic and Monetary Union".

Merkel said after talks with Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny Thursday that Germany would do "everything in its power to try to achieve a solution" in the negotiations on the 2014-2020 budget.

But in a veiled reference to Britain and France, she chided those who had brandished the threat of veto.

"I don't want to throw any more vetoes into the ring -- that doesn't help find a solution," she said, when asked whether it was even sensible to hold a summit later this month to hash out a deal.

The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, wants a budget of 1.03 trillion euros (\$1.33 trillion) for 2014-2020, up 5.0 percent on 2007-2013, but seven major contributor states have balked at the increase at a time when they are having to cut spending at home.

Hyundai, Kia to pay owners for inflated mileage

WASHINGTON (AFP) - South Korean automakers Hyundai and Kia said Friday they will reimburse car owners in the United States and Canada for having exaggerated the fuel efficiency of their vehicles.

The announcement came after the US Environmental Protection Agency said it had discovered inflated gasoline economy numbers on a wide range of Hyundai and Kia models in an investigation sparked by consumer complaints.

The exaggerated numbers, which ran from one to six miles a gallon, had helped push some of the models into the much-vaunted 40 miles per gallon (MPG) club of gasoline-sipping vehicles.

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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for

\$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plantains and vegetables

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

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They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"—"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena—"Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!



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European Football:

MADRID (AFP) - After a slow start to the defence of their La Liga crown Real Madrid have clicked into gear and while they face a relentless Barcelona who continue to churn out victories, defender Sergio Ramos says they will keep chasing their arch-rivals to the end.

With Cristiano Ronaldo once again firing on all cylinders and the rest of the team having rediscovered their form, Madrid have won four of their last five league games with the only dropped points coming in a draw at the Camp Nou against Barcelona.

At the same time though that draw was the only game that Barca have failed to win all season.

"There are two teams that are at the top at the moment, Barcelona and Atletico Madrid, but our job is to win our games and put the pressure on them. Last weekend we had an important victory against Mallorca, in a difficult stadium and that has made us more positive," said Ramos.

Madrid now take on Zaragoza having beaten Mallorca 5-0 with Ronaldo grabbing two which matched Barca's 5-0 win over Rayo Vallecano where Lionel Messi also hit a brace and he continues the lead the way in the league with 13 goals. Barca now face Celta Vigo.

Malaga have also started well with their only defeat so

far coming against Atletico and they now entertain Rayo Vallecano.

Real Betis, who travel to Getafe, have compromised some of their attacking flair for a more solid defence which has paid dividends so far as they sit in fifth, level on points with Levante, who have a tricky away match against Sevilla.

Athletic Bilbao remain a shadow of the side which received rave reviews for their open attacking football which took them to the final of the Europa League and the King's Cup and they will be hoping for an improvement against Granada while Deportivo la Coruna play Mallorca.

At the bottom of the table Osasuna are up against Valladolid and Espanyol visit Real Sociedad.

Fixtures: (Kick-off times GMT= +/- 4)

Saturday

Malaga v Rayo Vallecano (1500), Barcelona v Celta Vigo (1700), Real Madrid v Zaragoza (1900), Valencia v Atletico Madrid (2100)

Sunday

Real Sociedad v Espanyol (1100), Deportivo la Coruna v Mallorca (1500), Osasuna v Valladolid (1650), Granada v Athletic Bilbao (1845), Sevilla v Levante (2030)

Meanwhile in Bundesliga Hamburg coach Thorsten Fink and midfielder star Rafael van der Vaart have pledged to con-

tinue Bayern Munich's recent Bundesliga misfortune when they host the Bavarian giants on today.

League leaders Bayern suffered a shock 2-1 defeat at home to Bayer Leverkusen last Sunday which broke the hosts eight-match winning streak.

Hamburg, seventh in the league, have enjoyed a rich vein of form of late since Dutch midfielder Van der Vaart returned in August after spells with Real Madrid and Tottenham Hotspur.

Having taken 13 points in their last six league games, only Bayern have earned more in the same period.

After enjoying a shock 3-2 win at home to defending champions Borussia Dortmund in September, van der Vaart is eager to pick up another scalp.

After four years in Spain, then England, van der Vaart said he is again facing his favourite enemy.

Schalke 04, second in the league, are at struggling Hoffenheim, winless in their last four games, today and are without injured defender Christoph Metzelder while right-back Marco Hoeger is carrying an ankle injury.

Dutch Eredivisie - Leerdam this week outlined his intention to run down his contract at De Kuip which expires at the end of the season and move on a Bosman free transfer in the summer.

His stance has angered Feyenoord and coach Ronald Koeman immediately dropped him from the squad for Thursday night's KNVB Beker cup clash at XerxesDZB, with a resolution ahead of the weekend highly unlikely.

The situation is an unwanted distraction for Feyenoord who have bounced back well from a slow start to the season with a five-match unbeaten run in all competitions.

Fourth-placed Ajax remain unbeaten in the Eredivisie.

Vitesse Arnhem are the surprise package in the top three, four points behind Twente, they will face Ajax today.

Messi becomes a dad but still ready to play



BARCELONA (AFP) - Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi announced Friday the birth of his first child, Thiago. Messi's partner, Antonella Rocuzzo, delivered their son at the Dexeus hospital about 700 metres (less than half a mile) from Barcelona's Camp Nou stadium. Coach Tito Vilanova said the Argentine is still expected to play at the Camp Nou on today against Celta de Vigo, said in an online statement. The football wonder picked up the Golden Boot award on Monday for scoring 50 goals last season and he is favoured this year to win his fourth Ballon d'Or award for the world's best footballer. Last weekend he also scored his 300th career goal. (file photo)



PARIS (AFP) - Gilles Simon thrilled home fans by reaching the semi-finals of the Paris Masters on Friday, as he beat Czech fifth seed Tomas Berdych 6-4, 6-4. The victory in just under two hours was the first of a possible three as a record number of Frenchman played in quarter-finals of the indoor event at the Bercy arena in the east of the French capital. Simon will face the 69th-ranked Jerzy Janowicz who advancing (3-6, 6-1, 4-1) to the semifinals when the fatigued eighth-seeded Serbian Janko Tipsarevic stopped playing. Organizers said that Tipsarevic, who qualified on Thursday for the season-ending World Tour Finals in London next week, started feeling fatigued at the end of the first set.



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Racing: Calidoscopio wins Breeders' Cup Marathon



ARCADIA, California (AFP) - Calidoscopio grabbed a slice of Breeders' Cup history on Friday, the 9-year-old Argentinian raider's victory in the Marathon making him the oldest horse to win a Breeders' Cup race.

Jockey Aaron Gryder, who used videos to prepare for his ride on the unfamiliar mount, brought the veteran from far adrift of the field to win the 1 3/4-mile race on Santa Anita's dirt track by 4 1/4 lengths over Grassy.

Favorite Atigun, trained by Kenneth McPeck and ridden by Mike Smith, ran strong early but settled for third in the \$500,000 race.

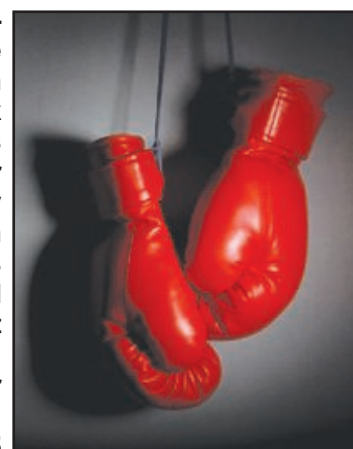
"They told me pretty much to just detach myself from the field," Gryder said. "He likes to be alone. After the first mile he started getting strong. I felt if he gave the same turn of foot that I'd seen on the DVD, he'd be able to run them down."

Gryder said it was a pleasure to ride a horse with so much experience. Calidoscopio has been a group performer for a remarkable six straight years at home in Argentina.

"I love to ride these old class horses because they know so much," Gryder said. "I was talking to Mr. Frankel (Guillermo Frankel, trainer) yesterday and he told me I could close my eyes because the horse knows so much."

November's seven must-see boxing bouts

-- Over the years, "November's to Remember" have been fairly commonplace in boxing as promoters look to showcase quality fights before the end of the year and prior to the holiday season. Here are seven well-matched showdowns that should be required viewing for hardcore fight fans:



- November 10-- Wladimir Klitschko (58-3, 50 KOs) vs. Mariusz Wach (27-0, 15 KOs)

- November 10-- Abner Mares (24-0-1, 13 KOs) vs. Anselmo Moreno (33-1-1, 12 KOs)

- November 10-- Vanes Martirosyan (32-0, 20 KOs) vs. Erislandy Lara (17-1-1, 11 KOs)

- November 17-- Brian Viloria (31-3, 18 KOs) vs. Hernan Marquez (34-2, 25 KOs)

- November 17-- Adrien Broner (24-0, 20 KOs) vs. Antonio DeMarco (28-2-1, 21 KOs)

- November 24-- Ricky Hatton (45-2, 32 KOs) vs. Vyacheslav Senchenko (32-1, 21 KOs)

- November 24-- Robert Guerrero (30-1-1, 18 KOs) vs. Andre Berto (28-1, 22 KOs)

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NFL: Rivers, defenders star as Chargers rip Chiefs



Running back Ronnie Brown #30 of the San Diego Chargers carries the ball against defensive backs Travis Daniels #34 and Eric Berry #29 of the Kansas City Chiefs

SAN DIEGO (AFP) - Philip Rivers threw two touchdown passes and San Diego's defense scored twice on turnovers as the Chargers routed visiting Kansas City 31-13 on Thursday in a National Football League game.

The Chargers improved to 4-4, hot on the heels of AFC West division leader Denver (4-3), while the Chiefs suffered their fifth loss in a row, sliding to 1-7 with 28 turnovers, the most by any team halfway into a season in 15 years.

Rivers threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Gates in the first quarter to open the scoring and flipped a 13-yard touchdown toss to Malcom Floyd early in the fourth quarter to give the

Chargers a 17-6 lead with 11:33 remaining.

San Diego then sealed the victory with two defensive touchdowns in a span of only 2:06.

Shaun Phillips, making his 100th NFL start, recovered a fumble in the end zone to stretch the Chargers' lead and Demorrio Williams returned an interception 59 yards for another touchdown to give San Diego a 31-6 edge.

Shaun Draughn ran six yards for a Kansas City touchdown with 4:26 to play but it was too little and far too late.

Unbeaten Atlanta will try to complete a perfect first half of the season with a home victory Sunday night over Dallas, 3-4. The Falcons own a four-game

lead in the NFC South division while the Cowboys share second in the NFC East.

Only two games Sunday match opponents with winning records, the feature attraction being Pittsburgh (4-3) at the New York Giants (6-2) in a matchup of two-time Super Bowl champion quarterbacks Ben Roethlisberger and Eli Manning.

Manning, who guided the Giants to a Super Bowl triumph in February over New England, has New York atop the NFC East while "Big Ben" has the Steelers one game behind arch-rival Baltimore in the AFC North.

At Indianapolis, the Colts will play host to Miami in a matchup of 4-3 clubs that are both in playoff positions, second in their respective divisions.

Denver (4-3) will visit Cincinnati (3-4) with Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning trying to improve his career record against the host Bengals to 8-0.

Other games Sunday find Arizona at Green Bay, Chicago at Tennessee, Buffalo at Houston, Detroit at Jacksonville, Baltimore at Cleveland, Tampa Bay at Oakland, Carolina at Washington and Minnesota at Seattle.

Philadelphia will visit New Orleans on Monday while New England, St. Louis, San Francisco and the New York Jets have a bye week.

NBA: Parker sinks winner to lift Spurs over Thunder



San Antonio Spurs' Tony PARKER, left, of France, drives to the basket as Oklahoma Thunder's Kevin Durant

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) - Frenchman Tony Parker sank the game-winning jump shot as time expired Thursday to give the San Antonio Spurs an 86-84 NBA victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Tim Duncan scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds while Parker added 14 points and 11 assists to spark the triumph.

The Spurs became the first 2-0 team in the NBA by spoiling the Thunder's season opener in a rematch of last year's NBA Western Conference finals. The Thunder ousted the Spurs but lost to Miami in the NBA Finals.

Reigning NBA scoring

champion Kevin Durant netted a game-high 23 points and pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds while Russell Westbrook, who joined Durant on the Olympic gold medal US team in August, added 18 points for Oklahoma City.

Parker sank a 3-pointer from the left corner with 28 seconds to play to lift the Spurs into an 84-84 deadlock and San Antonio took the ball after a turnover by Westbrook on the final Oklahoma City possession.

Parker then eluded Westbrook off a screen and took the ball on the left side and sank the winning shot.

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